

Annual Report 2012



**DIVISION
OF FIRE**

Message from Chief Gregory W. Frederick

It is my pleasure to present the 2012 Annual Report, a compilation of achievements made by the Louisville Fire Department over the past twelve months. This yearly account is an overview to the challenges and successes our dedicated members of Suppression, Prevention, Administration, Arson Investigation, Automotive Service, Training, and Support Services have faced as a department. It reflects our resilience and ability to adapt in a world of invariables from human error to Mother Nature.

In conjunction with Mayor Greg Fischer's *Citizens Bill of Rights*, the Louisville Fire Department strives to efficiently deliver prompt services to this community with professional courtesy and respect.

Our department continues to progress in the face of a sluggish economy and the rising costs of doing business. We continue to evaluate our operational methods, and look for ways to enhance the services we deliver to the businesses and residents of Louisville. Our focus is to educate the public in the prevention of fire hazards, stress the importance of preparedness in the event of an emergency, and remain steadfast in our goal to make Louisville a fire safe city.

Steeped in the tradition of excellence, character and pride, the Louisville Fire Department is second to none in the quality of service provided to this community. As we strive to surpass that which is expected of us, we will continue to serve our neighborhoods with the knowledge, commitment and compassion they deserve.

As always, I express my gratitude to Mayor Greg Fischer, The Louisville-Metro Council and the residents of Louisville for their support of the Louisville Fire Department in our efforts to deliver the highest level of services and ensure the safety of all people that visit, work and live in Louisville.

Sincerely,

Gregory W. Frederick, Colonel
Chief, Louisville Division of Fire

Operational Accomplishments

Significant Incidents

1/7/12 (**229 N. 19th St.**) Extra equipment residential structure fire. Four firefighters injured due to floor collapse. Fire was controlled using one deck gun and six hand lines.

2/28/12 (**2412 Cedar St.**) Residential structure fire. One civilian rescued from the second floor. Fire was controlled using three hand lines.

4/26/12 (**959 Charles St.**) Residential structure fire. One elderly civilian rescued. Four civilians transported for smoke inhalation. Fire was controlled using three hand lines.

5/29/12 (**602 Ruggles Place**) Extra equipment apartment fire in three story brick due to lightning strike. Fire was controlled using two master streams and multiple hand lines. ** Several Water Rescue runs during the fire due to Flooding **

7/18/12 (**3544 Brockton Lane**) Extra equipment apartment fire. Two firefighters transported due to heat-related injuries. Fire was controlled using multiple master streams and multiple hand lines.

11/14/12 (**427 S. Campbell St.**) Fire in multi-story apartment building with LMPD/SWAT operations continuing throughout the incident. One civilian self-inflicted fatality. Fire was controlled using multiple master streams and multiple hand lines.

Training/Accomplishments

3/12/12-3/16/12 - ARFF Training in Lexington, Ky.

3/12/12 – Disaster Exercise training at UPS.

3/30/12 - Vent 15 placed on track.

4/12 – Began IFSAC certification for all Division members.

4/12 – Utility Mule Vehicles placed on track at E6, E21 and E12.

4/16/12 – Give A Day Ramp Project at St. Peter's First United Church.

5/11/12 – West Net Dispatch placed in service at T8/E10.

8/1/12 – Three new Zodiac boats placed on track.

9/16/12 – Special Unit Redeployment/Addition of Special Unit Satellite Companies.

9/25/12 - Special unit members participated in a Type II Water Rescue Resource exercise in Muscatatuck Indiana.

11/28/12 – Hydrant Module placed in service.

12/3/12 – 12/14/12 – Trench Collapse Rescue training for all MSAR members.

Administrative & Support Services

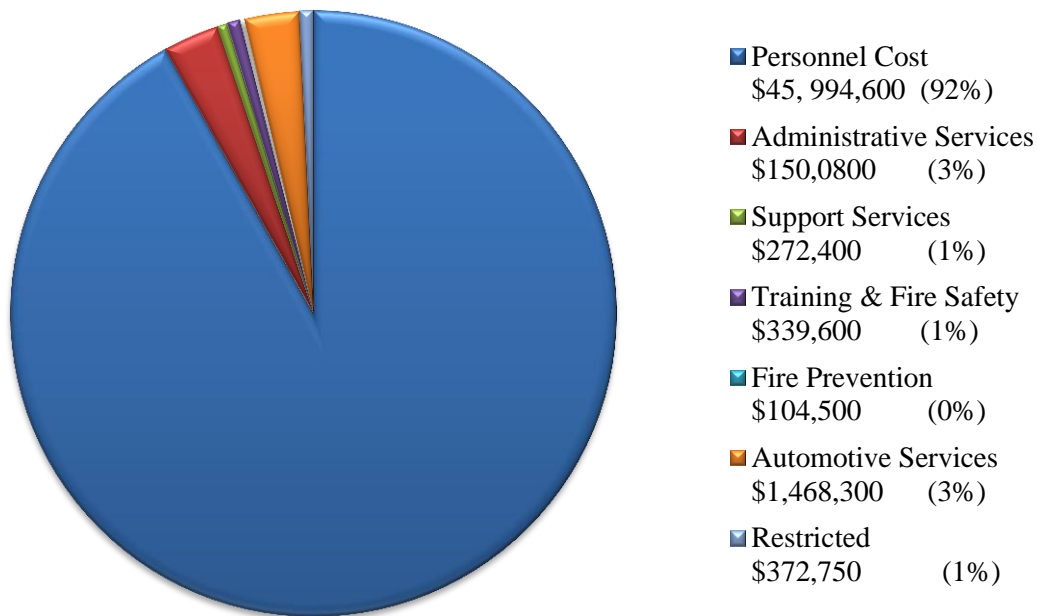
The Administrative Services Section is responsible for developing and managing the Division's budget, human resources, and facilities. This section assists with building the operating and capital budgets, utilizing the Strategic Management Plan as a guide. The section serves as the liaison within the Division of Fire for bureaus and agencies in and out of Metro Government.

Other Equal Employment Opportunity related responsibilities include participation in discipline cases, investigating allegations of discrimination and harassment, coordinating activities with Metro Compliance, recruitment activities, Title VII Compliance and diversity training.

Significant accomplishments during FY 2012 for this section include:

- Completing renovation plans of the old side of Truck 8 fire station to become the new home of the Louisville Fire Department's Arson Bureau and Safety Officer
- Completing renovation plans of the Truck 10 fire station to become the new home for the Louisville Fire Department's Battalion 4
- Completed the installation of the West-net notification system in the new Truck 8 fire station
- Moving all LFD facilities closer to Energy Star Certification by installing new energy efficient HVAC units, stoves, windows, roofs, and replacing 500 old incandescent light bulbs with over 500 new CFL bulbs
- Added facility emergency generators to Engine 6, Engine 10, Engine 21 and Engine 5
- Established a new minority and female recruiting plan that produced the greatest number of minority and female applicants in LFD history

Louisville Division Of Fire 2012-2013 Budget \$50,063,845



The LFD CPR Center, one of the largest in the American Heart Association System, continues to grow with an affiliation now well over 2,200 external instructors, 30 Division members serving as certified BLS instructors, and five ACLS instructors in this year. Including all the hospitals, nursing homes, individual instructors.....encompassing the state of Kentucky, and Southern Indiana under our umbrella, these facilities and instructors have trained over 30,000 students in Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support as well as First-Aid.

The Louisville Division of Fire completed the purchase of 35 new LifePAk1000 AEDs and 20 Trainer AEDs these AEDs were placed on each LFD first line apparatus, each battalion chief's vehicle, two at Fire Headquarters & Louisville Fire Academy, and one at the Automotive Repair Facility. The twenty trainer AEDs are divided equally between Engine 1 for their Friday classes and the CPR Center where they are used for rental purposes and off site CPR classes. The LFD/CPR Center takes great pride in completing the recertification of 482 fire department members. The LFD/CPR Center was recently evaluated by AHA Regional Representative, the Center received the highest rating obtainable.

Support Services

In 2012 Support Services was integrated into the Administrative Services section of the LFD. Support Services' responsibilities include incident response review, LFD systems' analysis, data and statistics collection and review, all LFD technology and Public Information.

The technology personnel provide daily support for all technology needs of the Division and serve as the administrators to proprietary software and databases for the Division. The office also coordinates with the Louisville Metro-IT Department regarding Metro Software, computer equipment and overall technology needs. Personnel also coordinate for projects concerning new software and the expansion of current software needs.

Significant Projects Completed

- Installation of fiber cable at Fire Headquarters for faster connectivity
- Implemented IPAD Program providing wireless data access and imputing to members of the Arson & Fire Prevention Bureaus, and the Chief's Staff
- Code Red Notification Project completed and operational
- Wireless Access Points installed in all LFD facilities

Public Information Section

The Public Information Officer (PIO) coordinates with the local and national media, Metro Government, various agencies, and internally regarding projects, responses, programs and activities. Receives and processes compliments/complaints from MetroCall, and directly from the Public.

Coordinates Metro Government sponsored fund raising activities such as the Fund for the Arts, Metro United Way, MDA, Service for Peace Christmas Angel Program and Toys for Tots. The PIO is also very active in local schools and in the community showcasing the Divisions career opportunities and fire safety message. The PIO also provides his Spanish language interpretation and translation skills to other Metro Government agencies, in emergency and non-emergency situations

Significant Events

- **Great Louisville Fire Drill** - coordinated and participated in all media related events, pertaining to this project, advancing the Division's fire prevention mission, as well as preparing for and conducting the event.

- **4th of July Fireworks Safety Media Blitz** – coordinated with local media to raise fireworks safety awareness.
- **Weather Safety**- sent out multiple media blitz regarding inclement weather safety.
- **Promotion and Recruit Class Ceremonies** – the Division celebrated the graduation of 28 Firefighter Recruits and saw the promotion of 49 members of the department. The PIO plays a significant role in the coordination of these events, such as securing the venues, making sure the required equipment and attending participants are present, distributing pertinent information to event honorees, and conducting the events.
- **Awards and Retirement Committee and Ceremony** – the PIO participates in the award nomination process, event venue selection and conduction of the ceremony.
- **911 Memorial Ceremony**- coordinated with Service For Peace the Kentucky National Guard to host the 11th Annual 911 Memorial Ceremony at the Fire Training Academy.
- **Mayor Fischer’s “Give-a-Day**- coordinated with the Home Depot to participate in the project of building and new ADA-compliant wheel chair ramp at St. Peter’s First United Church; a project to which the Home Depot donated \$5,600.00 in materials, and required thousands of man hours complete, said hours were provided by Division members volunteering their time and skills. Firefighter Recruits also contributed to the “Give-a-Day” event by participating in several landscaping and beautification projects.
- **Virtual “Talk to Greg” town hall meeting**- As the PIO, I represented the Division during the event.

Information Processing Section

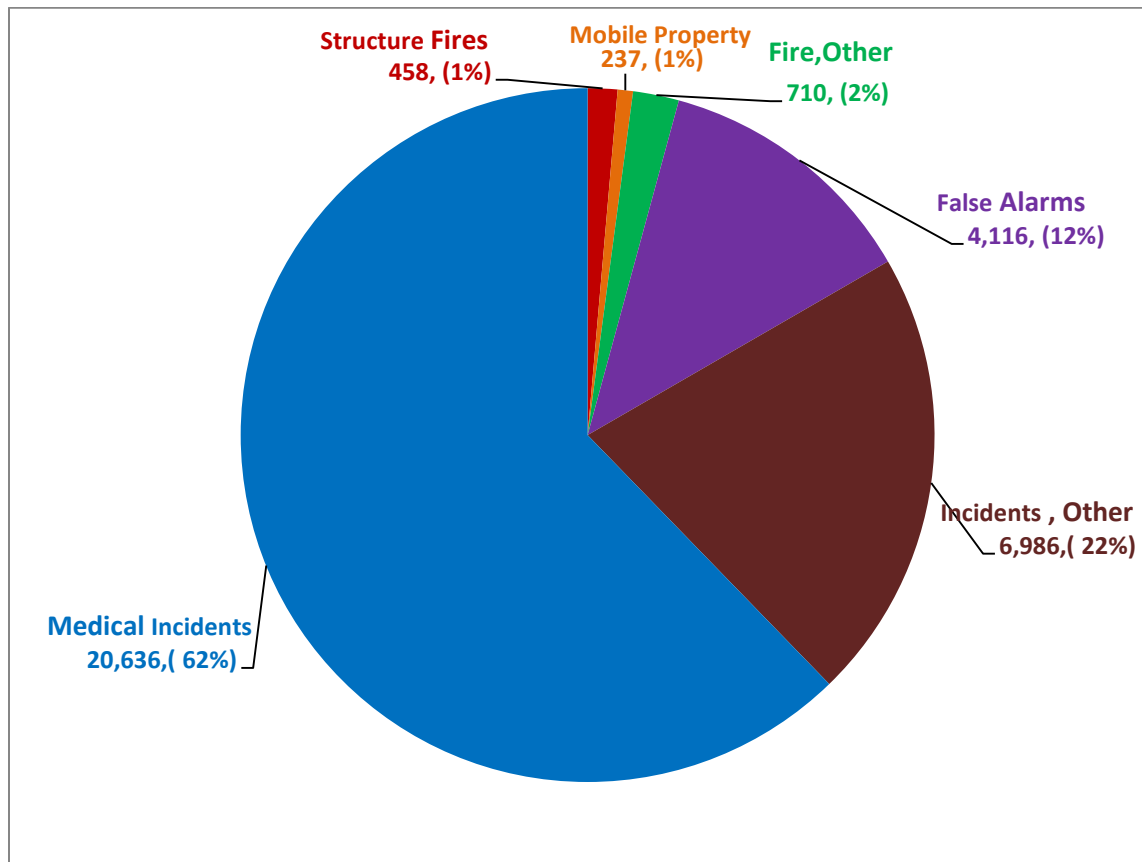
The Information Processing Section is responsible for all statistical data for the Division. Daily, each response made is reviewed for completeness and is quality checked. This section provides the monthly statistics for LouieStats and for internal use. Data for grants and national surveys are also completed through this section, as well as the release of incident reports to the Public. In 2012, approximately 632 requests were processed.

The Louisville Division of Fire responded to 33,143 incidents that generated 48,722 run responses in 2012, consisting of 458 working structure fires, 237 fires in mobile properties, 4,116 false alarms, 20,636 medical runs and 7,696 other incidents such as wires down or various other hazards.

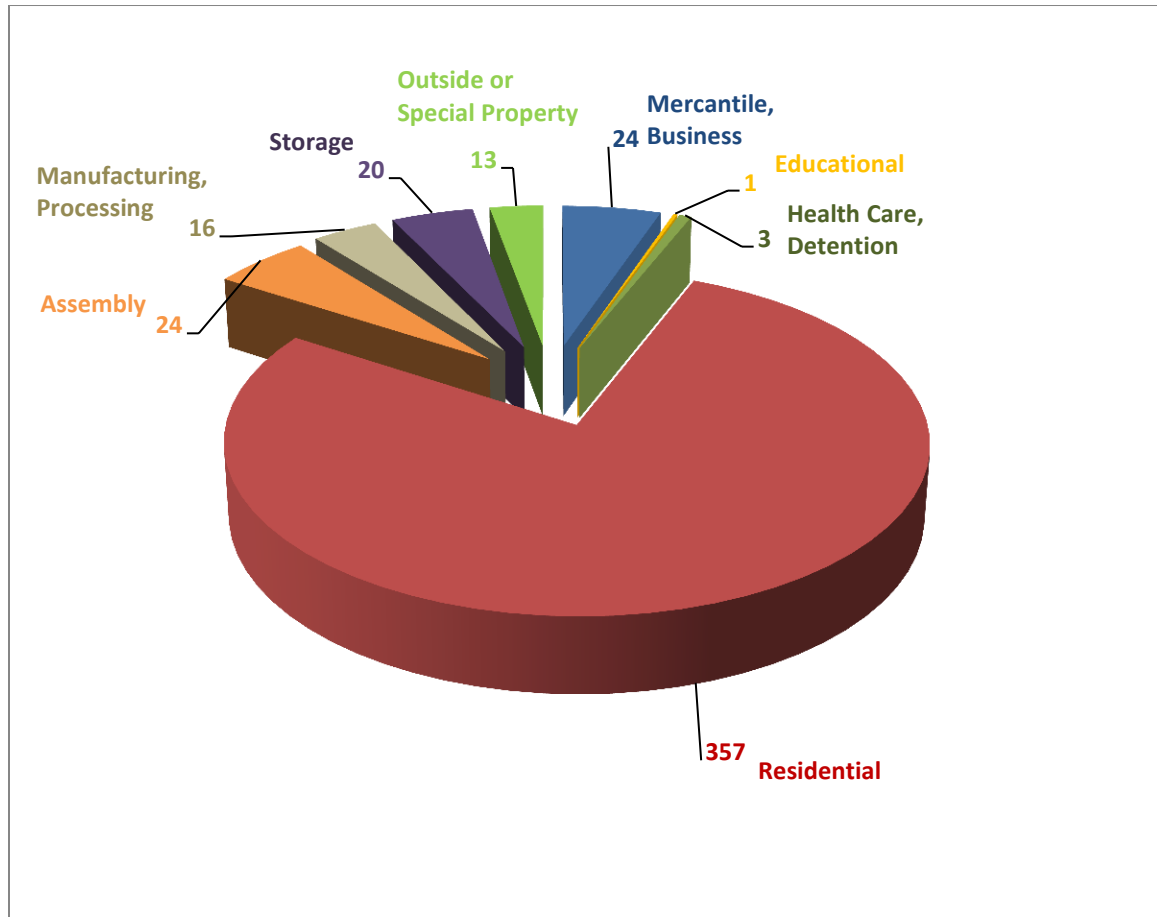
The following charts break out the total number and types of fire responses and total number of med runs made by the Division within the last twelve months. There also is a chart used to show the number of fire/med runs made by each individual unit.

We have also included a ten year total response chart that includes all of the runs made by the fire units collectively.

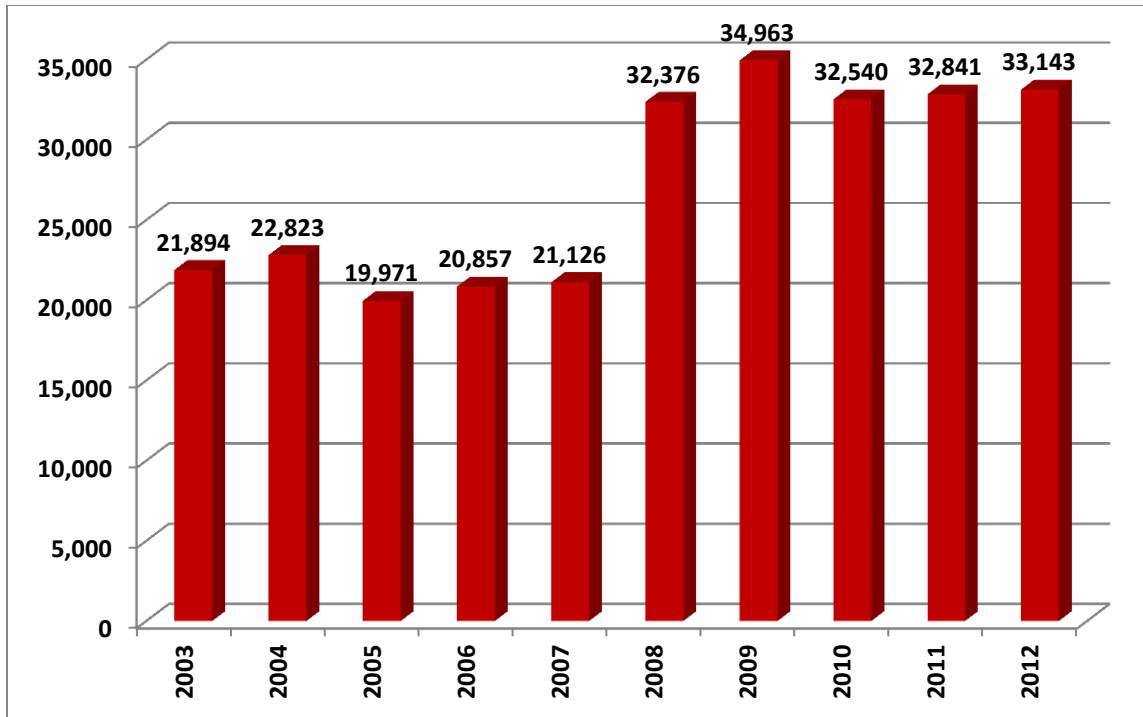
2012 Total Responses



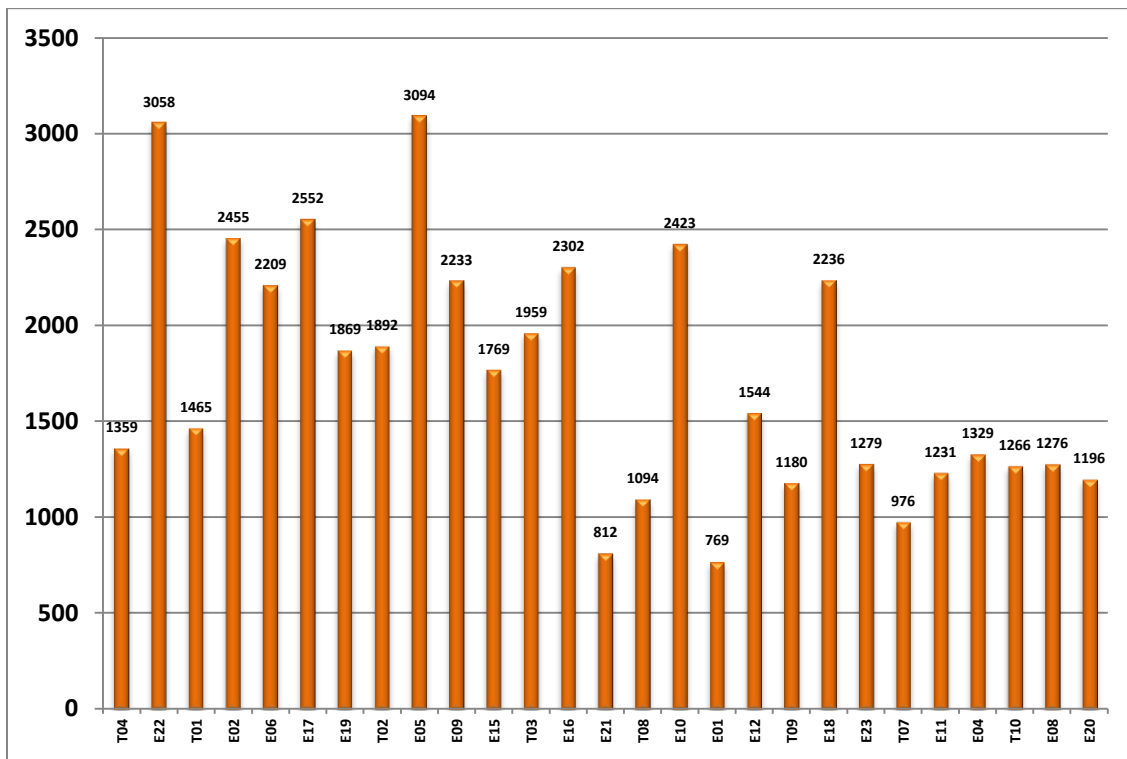
2012 Structure Fires by Occupancy



Total Responses- 10 Year Period



Unit Response



Louisville Fire Academy

The Louisville Fire Academy continued supporting the mission of the department by providing, facilitating, and hosting numerous training opportunities in 2012. In addition to the listed examples, the Fire Academy spent countless hours scheduling, tracking training hours, researching trends within the fire service, and building relationships with outside agencies, all in the effort enhance the department's overall training experience.

Fire Officer Training for Company Commander candidates

Fire Apparatus Operator training for Apparatus Operator candidates

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation training

International Fire Service Accreditation Congress testing

Level I Methodology (Fire Instructor) course

Automotive Service Excellence Certification testing

Trench and Dive Rescue training

Air Monitor training for Hazardous Materials units

Rope Technician training with the 41st Civil Support Team

Recruit Class 181 completion

Rapid Intervention Team training

Sheppard Square trainings on forcible entry, search and rescue, ladders, and ventilation

Completed the Fire Officer Mentor program

Metro Search and Rescue training

Monthly Hazardous Materials training

National Registry and Kentucky Paramedic and Emergency Medical Technician recertification

The LFA hosted the following for outside agencies:

Assisted Civil Service in physical ability practice sessions for fire candidates

Jefferson County Fire School

Jefferson County Fire Instructor Association

United States Coast Guard

Louisville Metro Emergency Medical Service driver training, Hazardous Materials Awareness, and Fire Extinguisher trainings

Louisville Metro Police Department driver training, Hazardous Materials Technician, and SWAT trainings

Kentucky Community and Technical College

41st Civil Support Team

Fire Modeling training from Eastern Kentucky University

Safety

The mission of the Safety Office is to positively impact the health and safety of all Division members. It is also the desire of the Safety Office that every member of the Division have a safety first mindset. Much time is dedicated to analyzing statistical data, research, development / review of policies, reviewing on duty injuries, reviewing vehicle accidents, and educating members in support of this mission. Several accomplishments of the Safety Office for 2012 are listed below:

Establishment of new rubber boot contract

Change in the Dress Uniform

Complete inspection cycle of Personal Protective Equipment

Purchase of Quantitative Fit Test machine

Realignment of Safety Committee

Additions to the Safety tab in SharePoint

Stand Down for Safety Week

Completed bid specifications for the purchase of Thermal Imaging Cameras

Supported the Metro Chiefs Conference

Auto Service Facility

The excellence of the Automotive Service Facility in 2012 was evident in many ways. Maintaining our apparatus, support vehicles, and small tools, servicing Louisville Metro Emergency Medical Service vehicles, ordering and distributing division supplies, establishing purchasing contracts with several outside vendors, and maintaining the apparatus of 4 suburban departments, are examples of their dedication to the department.

2012 accomplishments:

Placed new Rescue Truck (Rescue 2) on track

Work on Household & Automotive Supplies going paperless

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus wear test began

Ordered new Staff Vehicle for the Assistant Chief of Personnel

Awarded contract for the purchase of a 100' Tractor Drawn Aerial Truck

Worked on the development of bid specifications for the purchase of two pumpers

Automotive Service Facility personnel maintained / obtained their Emergency Vehicle Technician certifications, Automotive Service Excellence certifications

Small tools mechanic now services all of the LFD lawn equipment

Small tools mechanic maintained certifications to repair LFD nozzles, appliances, and gas powered equipment

All Automotive Service Facility members completed Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation training.

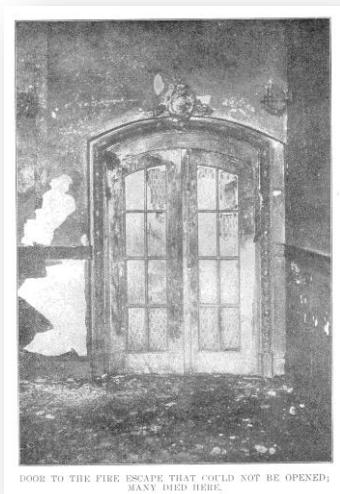
Several Automotive Service Facility members completed Leadership Enhancement and Development & Supervisor Enhancement and Development courses



Lt. Col. William F. Bowman, Fire Marshal

Major Brian Meurer, Assistant Fire Marshal

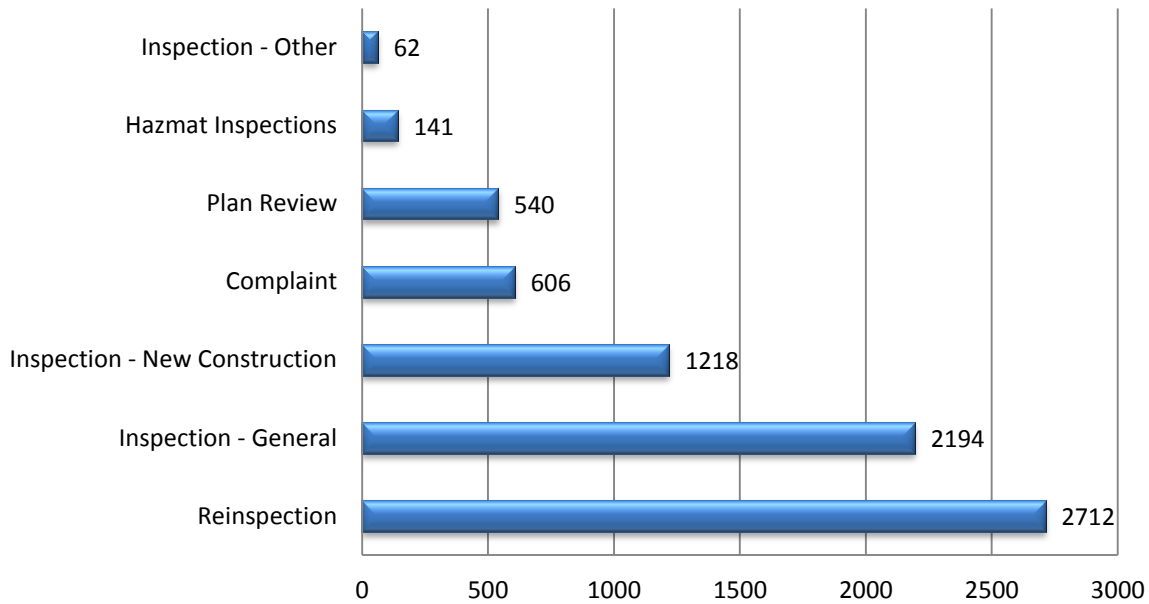
Gary Prater, Captain
Joe Williams, Captain
Tim Huff, Captain



Sgt. Tom Sheehan, Plan Review
Sgt. Jackie Graviss, New Construction
Sgt. Drane Scrivener, 1st District Inspector
Sgt. Molly Mitchell, 2nd District Inspector
Sgt. Kent Parrish, 2nd District Inspector
Sgt. Paul Knop, 3rd District Inspector
Sgt. Gary Young, 3rd District Inspector
Sgt. Bill Williams, 4th District Inspector
Sgt. Dale Retallick, 4th District Inspector
Andy Smith, Hazardous Materials Specialist
Fire Inspector I Vacancy (2)

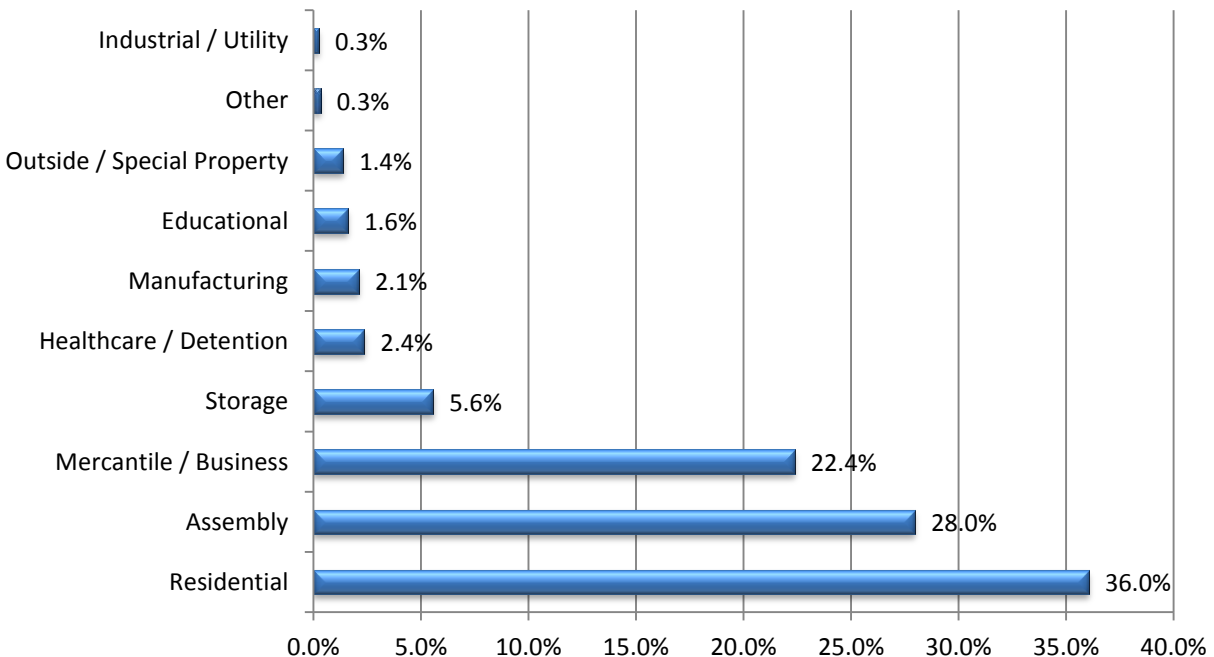


The Fire Prevention Bureau provides the community many services that make the city of Louisville a safer place to live and work. It moves primarily toward this goal through code enforcement and public education programs. In 2012, the FPB conducted a total of 7,473 inspections of businesses, industrial complexes, high rise buildings, and multifamily apartment buildings, including complaints, reinspections, hazardous materials inspections, new construction and plan review.



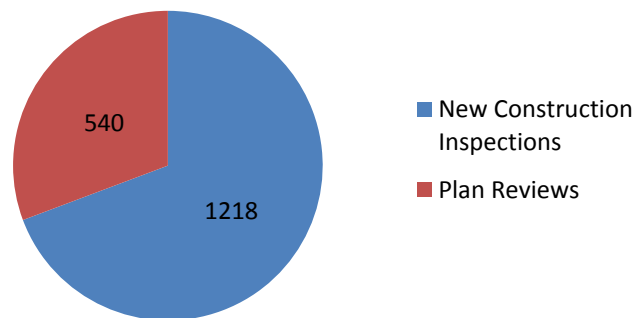
Code Enforcement

This Section's mission is to inspect all facilities within the Urban Services District (excluding one- and two- family dwellings and properties inspected by the State Fire Marshal's Office). Inspectors ensure that minimum fire prevention and control standards are being maintained in specific properties. Inspections of properties occur on a routine basis, as well as by complaint. Vacant structures were addressed by working with the Building Department to have accessible structures boarded.



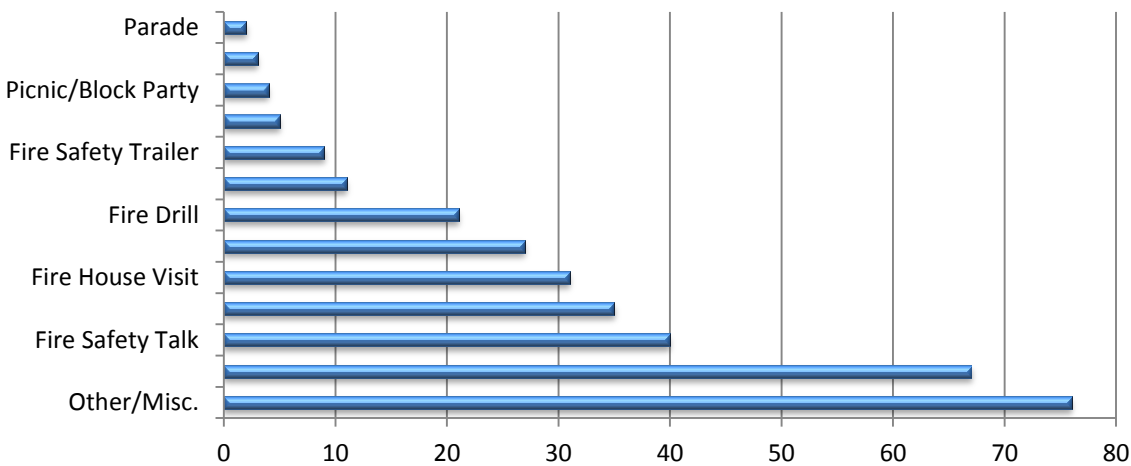
New Construction/Plan Review

Personnel assigned to this section work with the department of Codes and Regulations to review building plans and follow contractors as they progress through renovation and construction projects. One FPB inspector maintains an office in 444 S. 5th with the other members of the department of Codes and Regulations, while another FPB member is responsible for the new construction field inspections. 540 plan reviews and 1218 new construction inspections were conducted in 2012



Public Education

This group of personnel directs their attention to developing and delivering fire safety education to the community by means of prepared classes and demonstrations. During 2012, there were 331 programs provided for the community, reaching over 93,500 people. Members also participated in the Great Louisville Fire Drill at Iroquois Park, and held the kick off for Fire Prevention Week in Jefferson Square Park. This ceremony included the dedication and placement of a wreath by the Chief and Mayor at the Fallen Firefighter Memorial. Educational programs within the community may be arranged by contacting the Louisville Fire Prevention Bureau at 574.3731.

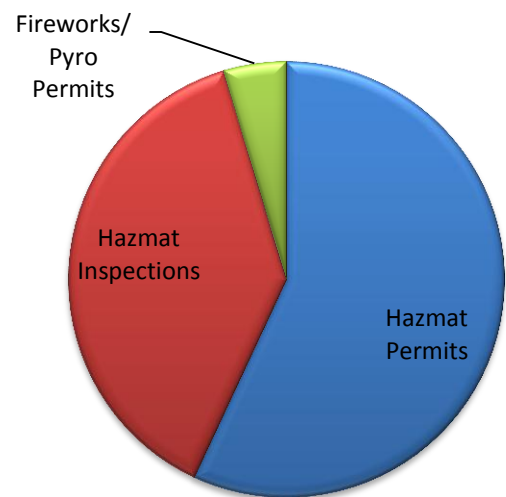


Smoke Detectors

Mayor Fischer and Metro Government demonstrated concern and support for Fire Prevention by providing ten-year lithium battery smoke detectors to property owners who cannot afford one. When requested through MetroCall, the smoke detector is installed for free by fire companies in owner occupied single family dwellings. The Fire Prevention Bureau handles the purchasing, storage and distribution of the detectors for the Department. 396 smoke detectors were installed by Fire Suppression companies in 2012.

Hazardous Materials

The Louisville Fire Prevention Bureau's Hazardous Materials Specialist oversees matters pertaining to production, processing, storage, transportation and disposal of hazardous materials in the community. There are presently 798 locations throughout the city storing hazardous materials and an annual review and inspection of these properties is imperative. The Hazmat Specialist processes a permit for each of these occupancies and maintains this information in FireHouse. Tent inspections for outdoor events also fall under the purview of the Hazmat Specialist, specifically at events like World Fest on the Belvedere, the St. James Art Fair, Light Up Louisville, Thunder Over Louisville and at Churchill Downs for the Derby. Louisville Fire & Rescue is also responsible for all "Community Right to Know" information. Annual submittals from local companies and industries are required to be submitted to Fire Prevention by March 1. This information is then catalogued, distributed and made available to firefighters and the community upon request.



2012 METRO ARSON BUREAU OPERATIONS



G. HENRY OTT, MAJOR

CHRIS JENKINS, CAPTAIN
SHAWN ABMA, SERGEANT
TODD LEONARD, SERGEANT
JASON SANDERS, SERGEANT

KEVIN FLETCHER, CAPTAN
JOHN GRIFFITH, SERGEANT
JOHN BROOKS, SERGEANT
HILLARY BONAM, SERGEANT

2012 GENERAL INVESTIGATION INFORMATION

2012 TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS 619

TOTAL INCENDIARY 232

URBAN	400	65%	URBAN INCENDIARY	172	74%
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SUBURBAN	219	35%	SUBURBAN INCENDIARY	60	26%
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2011 TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS 620

TOTAL INCENDIARY 273

URBAN	380	61%	URBAN INCENDIARY	188	69%
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SUBURBAN	240	39%	SUBURBAN INCENDIARY	85	31%
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2012 was another challenging year carrying one investigator vacancy. During this time, the Metro Arson Bureau conducted 619 investigations which is just one shy of 2011. The number of incendiary runs declined by forty one which results in a fifteen percent decrease from 2011. The Bureau maintained an excellent clearance rate of 34 percent.

The Bureau made a total of 134 arrests with 104 that were incendiary. Another case was cleared by exception as the suspect died prior to being arrested. There were a total of 61 individuals who were counseled and released for their involvement in various incidents.

During the year a total of 7 fire death investigations were conducted which claimed a total of 8 lives. This statistic is very close to 2011 where eight incidents resulting in the loss of nine lives. Two deaths occurred as the result of discarded smoking materials (McMahan and Louisville). Two other deaths occurred due to a structure fire resulting from a lightning strike (Louisville). One death was contributed to burns suffered from a meth lab explosion

(Louisville). One subject died when he intentionally set himself on fire during a domestic dispute (Louisville). This subject previously attempted to set himself on fire inside the Jefferson County Child Support Office. One subject died in a structure fire caused by an unspecified electrical malfunction (Louisville). One subject died as a result of an accidental fire when he was trying to clean tools using gasoline (Pleasure Ridge Park).

2012 INCENDIARY INVESTIGATIONS

Overall 2012 Case Clearance Rate **34%**

	INCIDENTS	CLEARANCE RATE
Structure	104	42 %
Vehicle	81	15 %
Trash	24	38 %
Other	14	57 %
Brush Fires	4	75 %

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

UNDETERMINED RATE	12 %
COURT APPEARANCES	299
ONGOING PROSECUTIONS	71
RESPONSE TIMES	21.31 Minutes
FIRE DEATH INCIDENTS	7 Incidents, 8 Victims
NON-FIRE DEATH INVESTIGATIONS	3
METH LAB INVESTIGATIONS	5

MALICIOUS FALSE INVESTIGATIONS	22 (18 Cleared)
OPEN INVESTIGATIONS	137
TOTAL ARRESTS	134
TOTAL COUNSELED AND RELEASED	61

BUDGET INFORMATION

OVERTIME HOURS

2012

Louisville		290.0
Lake Dreamland		46.5
Okolona		134.5
PRP		189.0
Buechel		39.5
Lyndon		37.5
Middletown		20.0
Fairdale		27.5
St. Matthews		8.0
Fern Creek		25.0
Highview		13.5
N/A		6.0
Worthington		24.0
Shively		11.5
Camp Taylor		11.5
Jeffersontown		8.5
McMahan		28.5
Harrods Creek		21.5
Eastwood		5.5
Total Hours		948

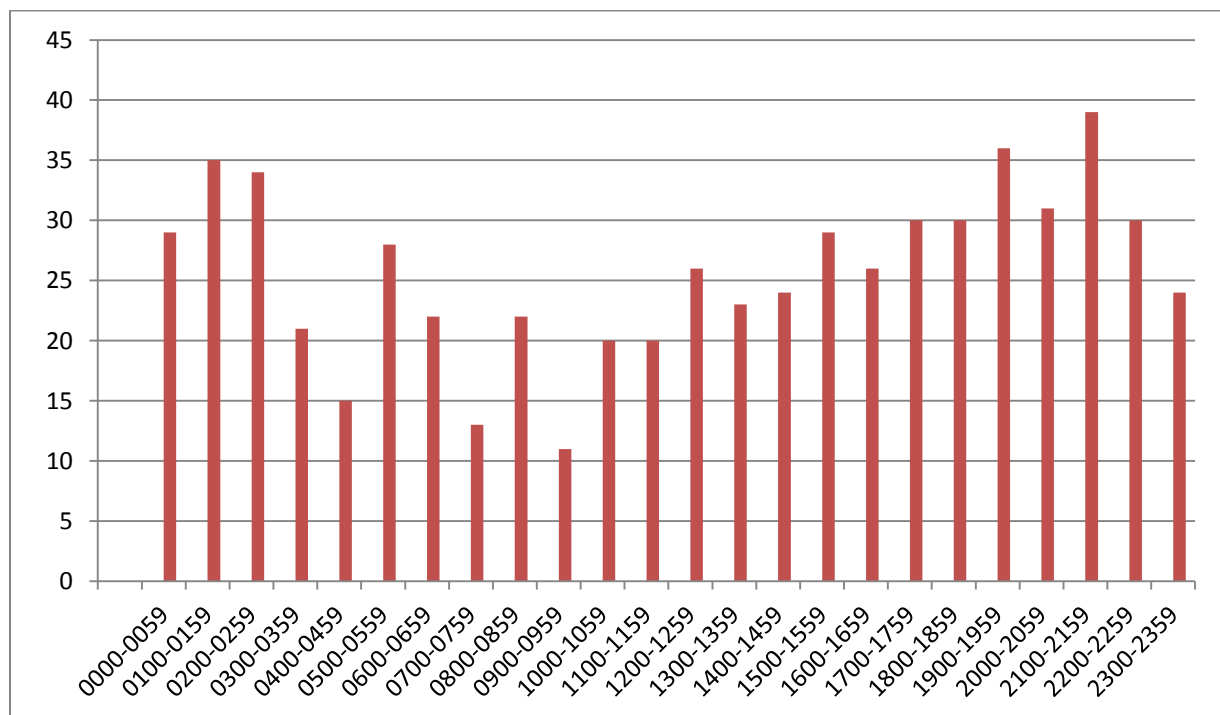
BUSIEST DEPARTMENTS (Incendiary Investigations) Case Clearance

Louisville	171	33%
Okolona	18	43%
PRP	9	11%
Buechel	7	43%
Lake Dreamland	5	20%

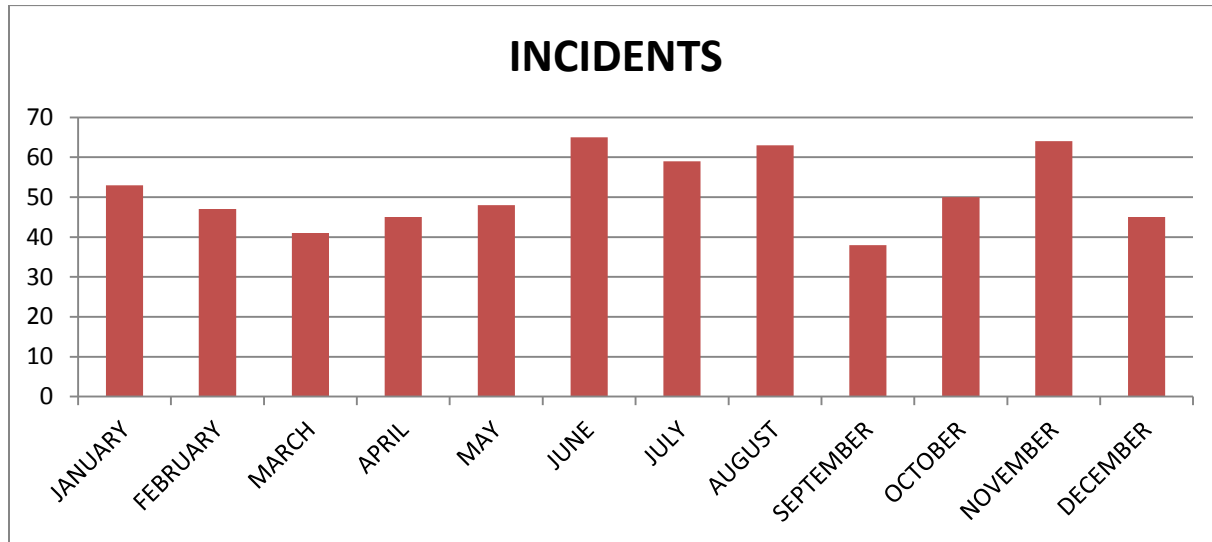
Fractional Response Data (Minutes to arrival at scene)

1-30	507	82%
31-40	74	11%
41-50	35	6%
51-above	3	1%

2012 INCIDENT ALARM IN-TIME



2012 INVESTIGATIONS BY MONTH

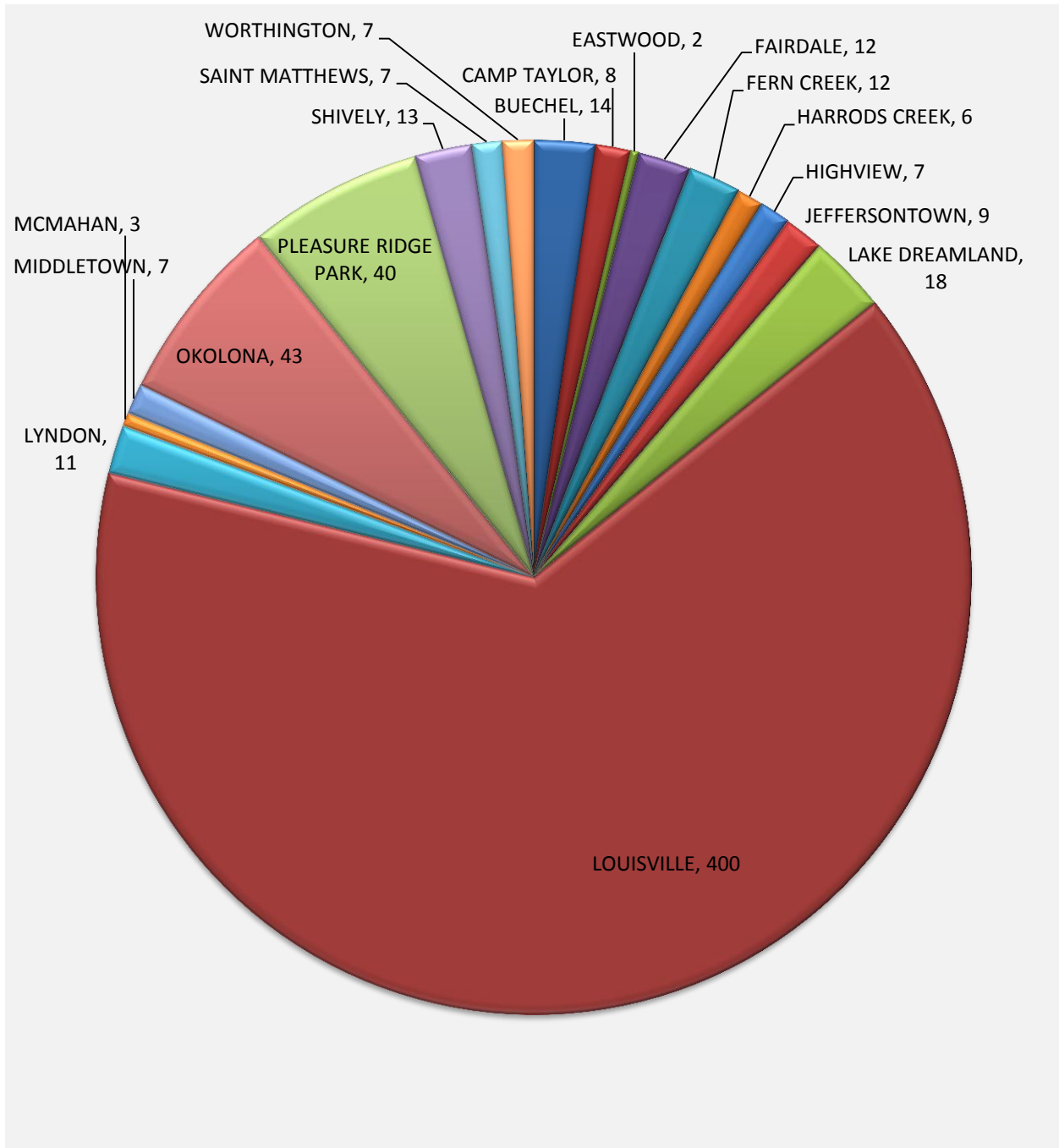


Important Investigations

- **JANUARY:** A Fire Death investigation was conducted at 416 Kilmory Avenue. The cause of this incident was determined to be discarded smoking materials. Investigators conducted an investigation at 229 North 19th Street where several fire fighters were injured from a collapse during overhaul operations. The cause of the fire was accidental but an arrest was made for Wanton Endangerment.
- **MARCH:** Investigators conducted an investigation in which an adult female intentionally set herself on fire after pouring gasoline on herself during a domestic dispute.
- **APRIL:** An explosion occurred at 934 Franklin where the occupant was involved in a drug process involving marijuana.
- **JULY:** Four incidents occurred as the result of lightning strikes. One incident on 3rd Street claimed two lives. A meth lab explosion occurred at 209 West Wampum which resulted in the death of one person.

- **AUGUST:** A fire death investigation was conducted at 4540 Taylorsville Road. The cause of the incident was due to discarded smoking materials.
- **SEPTEMBER:** One adult male died as the result of injuries sustained when he set himself on fire at 1034 South Jackson. This is the second time he had attempted to set himself on fire. The first time occurred in the lobby of the Jefferson County Attorney Child Support Office.
- **OCTOBER:** Investigators started a lengthy investigation where three workers were burned during the cleanup of the train derailment at Dixie and Katherine Station. Another industrial flash fire at 4220 Bardstown Road injured a worker. Investigators also responded to a vehicle fire where a body was discovered in the trunk. The Arson Bureau is assisting Louisville Metro Police Homicide Unit in this investigation.
- **NOVEMBER:** A SWAT standoff at 427 South Campbell resulted in an apartment fire. After the flames were extinguished a body was discovered on the second floor by investigators. This investigation is on-going with testing being conducted on different devices used by the SWAT Team.
- **DECEMBER:** A fire death investigation was conducted at 2214 Duncan. This incident was caused from an unspecified electrical malfunction. Another fire death investigation occurred at 9714 Nordic Drive. This incident is still under investigation.

2012 METRO ARSON BUREAU INVESTIGATIONS



NOTABLE BRIEFS 2012

January – The Division continued its message of fire prevention, property and life preservation by raising winter safety awareness, i.e. space heater safety, proper electric appliance use, etc. through local media (PIO), school and community programs (FPB CAPS)

February – The Division provided members to support operations during the Annual Polar Bear Plunge

March – The Division celebrated its 25th Annual Awards & Retirements Dinner Banquet at Louisville Slugger Field

The Division participated in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

April – The Division celebrated the first of two promotion ceremonies in which 16 members were promoted to higher ranks: 1 Fire Inspector Trainee sworn in as Fire Inspector I, 6 Firefighters to Fire Apparatus Operators, 6 Fire Apparatus Operators to Fire Company Commanders, 2 Fire Company Commanders to Fire Battalion Chiefs and 1 Fire Battalion Chief to Fire Assistant Chief

Division members participated in Mayor Fischer Second Annual Give-a-Day-Week of Service by volunteering thousands of man hours in projects such as Lanham Park/Louisville Loop landscaping and beautification projects, and the week's marquis event of demolishing and then building a new wheel chair/handicap, ADA compliant ramp at St. Peter's United Church

May – The Division successfully hosted the 2012 Metro Chiefs Conference

The Division participated in the Pegasus Parade in support of the Derby Festival activities and other fund-raising activities such as the Battle of the Bounce

Metro Employee Charitable Campaign firehouse visits with representatives from Crusade for Children, Metro United Way, Fund for the Arts and Community Health Charities were conducted Division wide

The Division participated in the Flags for Vets Memorial ceremony which took place at the Great Lawn

June – The Division continued its public safety message by providing boater/body of water safety, how to cope with extreme warm temperatures, and summer season safety tips through local media

July – The Division continued its public safety message by providing fireworks safety tips through local media

The Division the graduation of Firefighter Recruit Class 181, which on July 3rd, saw the completion of training of 28 Louisville Firefighters and 2 Shively Firefighters

September –The Division observed the 11th Anniversary Tribute of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack. Service for Peace, the Home Depot and Wal-Mart volunteers conducted a landscape beautification project of the Louisville Fire Academy

The Division hosted its first annual 911 Blood Drive for the American Red Cross at Engine 21

October –The Division held its annual Fire Prevention Week Kick-Off on the 9th, where tribute was paid to fallen firefighters and free chili and fire prevention message was served at Jefferson Square Parks and on the 13th the Great Louisville Fire Drill was held at Iroquois Park

The Division participated in Caufield's Halloween parade

November – The Division participated in Supporting Heroes' Fallen Heroes Tribute at Jefferson Square

The Division participated in the "Winter Wonderland-Light-Up Louisville" parade

December – The Division celebrated a second promotion ceremony in which 24 members were promoted to higher ranks: 1 Arson Investigator Trainee sworn in as Arson Investigator I, 12 Firefighters to Fire Apparatus Operators, 1 Fire Inspector I to Fire Inspector II, 6 Fire Apparatus Operators to Fire Company Commanders, 1 Fire Inspector II to Assistant Fire Marshal, 1 Fire Company Commander to Fire

Battalion Chief, 1 Fire Company Commander to Fire Assistant Chief and 1 Fire Assistant Chief to Executive Assistant Chief (Chief 2)

The Division continued its message of fire prevention, property and life preservation by raising winter safety awareness, i.e. space heater safety, proper electric appliance use; holiday decoration safety, etc. through local media (PIO), school and community programs (FPB CAPS)

Throughout the month, the Division conducted its annual Toys For Tots toy collection campaign where all fire stations and bureaus serve as toy collection sites

The Division held its second annual Christmas Angel Program in which Service for Peace gathers and delivers goods donated by the community for active and veteran military families

MORE:

Division Recognition from Outside Agencies

Chief Gregory W. Frederick was recognized as Firefighter of the Year by the National Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution for his life-long dedication and service to the citizens of Louisville, and his commitment to public safety

Division members were honored as Firefighters of the Year by the Blue Coats of Louisville and the American Legion Shawnee Post

Blue Coats FFOTY: FF Alan R. Smith, Sgt. Paul R. “Bobby” Cooper, Sgt. Jonathan E. Scrivner Capt. Bryan K. Stotts

Shawnee Post FFOTY: Captain Edward J. Johnson

Honor Guard & Bag Pipes

Throughout the year, members of the Division’s Color Guard and Bag Pipe players participate in neighborhood and regional parades, fire and law enforcement graduation ceremonies, fire station inaugural ceremonies, festivals, firefighter

funerals and various other tribute-paying/civic activities as requested by local and regional public safety agencies

Charity Support/Contribution

Throughout the year, Division members actively support many large and small charitable organizations locally and nationally by raising awareness to their given charity, hosting fund raising events and by directly contributing to them monetarily. Those organizations include: Crusade for Children, Metro United Way, Fund for the Arts, Community Health Charities, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Supporting Heroes, Service for Peace, Toys For Tots

Fire Prevention/Public Safety Education & Services

Throughout the year the Division conducts fire prevention education at schools, community centers, health fairs, the Great Louisville Fire Drill during Fire Prevention Month, prior to the 4th of July holiday by hosting a Fireworks Safety campaign, during the winter holiday season. The Division also provides Boater Safety Education during the boating season. The Division also reaches out to the Spanish speaking community to provide the afore mentioned services plus Spanish language interpretation when it is needed and CPR training throughout the entire community

Public Event Participation

The division is an active participant in community advancement and celebration events such as neighborhood/heritage/holiday parades like Little League Opening Season, St. Patrick's Day, Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade, Caufield's Halloween Parade, Veteran's Day, Light Up Louisville, Fallen Heroes Vigil, etc.

YEAR AFTER YEAR SINCE 1858, THE DIVISION PROUDLY STRIVES TO FULFILL ITS COMMITMENT TO THE LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY OF LIFE AND PROPERTY PRESERVATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

2012 PROMOTIONS

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